

## The Weekly Banner.

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BAD roads mean dreary isolation for months every year.

JOSIAH QUINCY, democrat, has been re-elected mayor of Boston, Massachusetts.

A PACKAGE containing \$10,000 was stolen from the office of the Southern Express Company in Columbia, South Carolina, last week.

THE National Board of Trade reluctantly admit that the silver question will be the main issue in the next presidential campaign.

THE president announces that he will make no appointments during the holiday recess, except in case of absolute emergency.

EVEN Speaker Reed readily admits that the pension question is becoming an almost unbearable burden to the people of this country.

RURAL postal delivery is popular and is likely to come, but it will depend for its efficiency and extension on better roads than now exist in most parts of the country.

It is now generally believed that Dan Stuart will succeed in arranging another slugging match between Jim Corbett and Bob Fitzsimmons, to take place some time next summer.

THE fleet little vessel, "Silver Heels," seized at Wilmington, North Carolina, charged with filibustering, has been released for want of sufficient evidence to convict her on the charge.

LENA WINSLOW, of Kansas City, who sued the Knights of the Maccabees for dislocating one of his kidneys while initiating him four years ago, has been awarded \$10,000 by a jury in the circuit court.

THE Commercial-Tribune of Cincinnati, a leading republican organ of the State of Ohio, is vigorously opposing the re-election of Hanna to the United States senate, and feels confident of securing his defeat.

GOV. ATKINSON, of Georgia, will visit the Republic of Mexico some time in January, 1898, for an outing, and while there will investigate the resources of the country and post himself concerning silver as a circulating medium.

THE city election held at Meriden, Connecticut, on December 21st, resulted in a complete democratic victory, Amos Ives, the democratic nominee for mayor, defeating his republican opponent, Arthur S. Lane, by about 350 majority.

THE Temple Tribune announces its intention of supporting Hon. Jos. D. Sayers for governor. In this the Tribune editor's head is decidedly level. Sayers is not only a straight democrat, but one of the leading financiers of the present congress. He would make a safe and economical governor.

SUCCESS depends on management in any kind of business. No business will manage itself. The farmer who pays little attention to his flock should only expect little or no returns. Business attention given to a flock of properly housed hens would be a great revelation to many farmers.

FARMERS near cities and towns can secure regular customers for fresh eggs, to be delivered once or twice a week. An ambitious farmer could soon add many other crops from the farm that his customers would be glad to purchase. Selling farm products direct to consumers pays, as it saves the middlemen's commission, and sales are cash down.

### FIRST CUT AT SAYERS.

Congressmen Sayers is a strong man, but when he entered the race for governor, he ought to have requested his gold standard friends to please keep quiet. They are supporting him almost to a man, and will be the means of his undoing in this race.—Bonham News.

The above is a fair sample of the means to be adopted by the opponents of Mr. Sayers to secure his defeat before the people, but it won't work. Mr. Sayers is a true-blue, free silver democrat—one who has proven his faith by his work—and such puny attempts to belittle him in the estimation of the people of Texas, who know him and are acquainted with his record as a democrat, will fail of its purpose. Mr. Sayers is in no way responsible for the action of the gold democrats in favoring his nomination, which seems to be predicated upon the fact that they regard Mr. Sayers not only as a democrat, but a safe, conscientious, economical statesman, in whose hands the affairs of State would be conducted in strict accordance with law, right and justice.

Come, brother Evans, be fair; discuss Mr. Sayers' public record as a democrat; hold him responsible for any short comings, but do not charge him with things over which he has no control. Again, gold democrats have no voice in making nominations in Texas; and should they decide to support the nominees we see no valid reason for filing an objection, as all parties are unanimous in desiring the success of their nominees.

THE insurgents claim to have won another signal victory over the Spanish forces in Cuba on the Canto river, in which a lieutenant colonel, two captains, an assistant surgeon, a standard bearer and two hundred soldiers were instantly killed, and a similar number wounded. Pando has reported to General Blanco that 100,000 men are needed to break the backbone of the insurgent uprising in the east and that it is no longer practicable to continue the campaign to relieve Bayamo. This city General Garcia expects to capture early in January, being now able to detach troops from his command to send to Roloff's aid.

THE Georgetown Sun says: "The Texas Supreme Court in the case of Eustis et al vs. City of Henrietta, decided in December, holds that the sale of for taxes is void if the tax collector sells for an amount greater than the law authorizes him to charge, and that the owner cannot be required to pay taxes as a condition precedent to making the defense. If the collector mistakes and misstates the costs, the sale is void. Thus is another prop knocked from under tax titles. There are too many chances for making mistakes for one to take the chances of acquiring such a title.

The following amusing anecdote is told on a young clerk: A well known young lady stepped into the store to purchase some lace, and, on inquiring the price, was told by the admiring clerk that it was sold for a kiss a yard. "Very well," replied the pretty, blushing purchaser; "please cut me off three yards, and I shall send my grandmother around tomorrow to pay for it." She got the lace.—Exchange.

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THE Christmas turkey and the Christmas stocking are both out of season.

### CHRISTMAS FIGHTS.

THE PUGILISTIC SPIRIT CROPS OUT EXTENSIVELY DURING THE FESTIVAL.

Jailor J. M. Ward Loses Some Blood in an Encounter with F. M. Harrison.

The glad tidings of great joy, "On earth peace, good will to men," was the rule in Brenham on Christmas day. But there were several exceptions. Christmas egg nog usually promotes friendships and good fellowship, but there were several instances in evidence Saturday where the opposite occurred. And some who imbibed too freely of the cup of good cheer poured "the sweet milk of concord into hell" at the same ratio that they poured down their Christmas intoxicants. There will be considerable azure about the optics of a number of young men about town as a result of their Christmas jamboree and the courts will have to take a few chips in the game before all the contests are settled.

The most serious encounter of the day took place on East Sandy street in front of Korff & Clemmon's market, when at about 9:30 o'clock Jailor J. M. Ward was knocked down and considerably bruised about the head and face by F. M. Harrison who used an ordinary walking cane as a weapon of offense.

Complaint was made in county court against Harrison for aggravated assault and he was placed under \$100 bond.

The casus belli in this instance was not attributable to an over-indulgence in Christmas spirits. It runs back several months to the fall term of district court and involves some revolting records not necessary to again elaborate. It is sufficient to say that on the strength of an affidavit made by Jailor Ward Harrison was placed under bond of \$500 to await the action of the grand jury for an alleged serious and heinous offense against a female inmate in the crazy ward of the jail. After an investigation the grand jury declined to return an indictment, thereby completely vindicating Mr. Harrison. This was the cause of the fight on Christmas day.

ITALY and France have both sent warships to China.

THE prospect for the passage of a general bankrupt law at the present session of congress is considered reasonably good.

THERE are many women now engaged in studying foreign languages who would profit by a closer acquaintance with English grammar.

LATE advices from Havana state that Congosto has concocted a deep and damnable scheme to assassinate Gen. Gomez, commander-in-chief of the insurgent army.

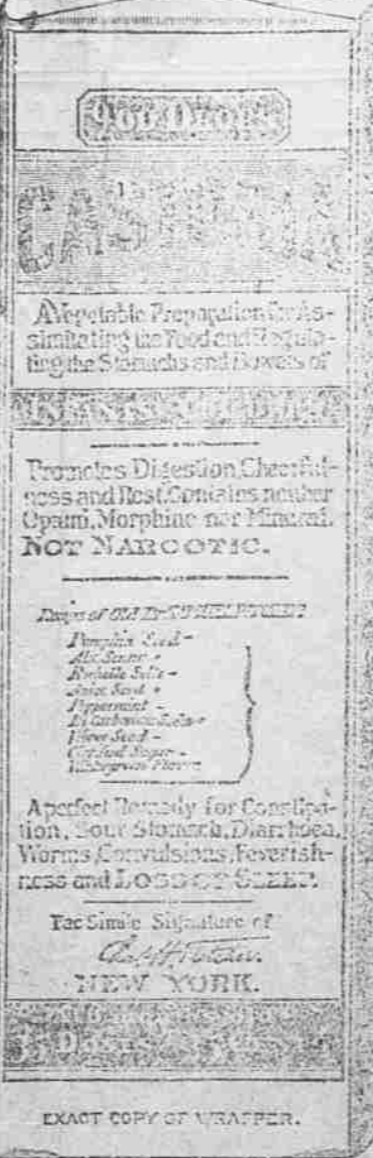
GEN. NUNEZ, of the insurgent army, claims that Ruiz was properly executed as a spy in accordance with the military usages of civilized warfare.

If a man loses on a horse race he says it's "bad luck," if he wins he says it's sound judgment. The same line of reasoning applies with equal force to all other avocations.

GEN. PANDO has finally arrived at the conclusion that the insurgents in Cuba will have to be conquered by force, as they have refused to accept the autonomy tendered them by Spain.

DR. ZERTUCHA, the betrayer of the late Antonio Maceo, has been appointed mayor of Bejucal, a small town in Havana province, Cuba, as a small testimony of Spain's appreciation of his treachery.

It has developed that the Alabama law does not prohibit polygamy, and the same is true of most of the other states. No married man can marry again, but a man can marry several wives simultaneously.



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The wolves of Russia devour annually 180,000 head of cattle 500,000 sheep and 100,000 hogs.

Wherever you find a true Christian spirit, you will find it trying to do the work of Christ.

How to be happy though married: Always keep a dozen men's collar buttons on hand for emergencies.

The German war office has determined to furnish artificial teeth gratis to such soldiers as may need them.

THE money question was discussed by the Bankers Conference at Atlanta recently. After resolutions were adopted Mr. J. S. Carr, a millionaire banker of North Carolina, was invited to address the body. Mr. Carr proved to be a live wire. He came out "bald-headed and bare-footed" for free silver. "I am a free silver democrat," he declared. "When I get among bankers I confess that I am lonesome, but I have plenty of company when I am with the rest of the people. I am for state banks all right and do not care if they do not circulate outside the state of their issue. We want money that we can keep at home. The trouble with the good money that circulates everywhere is that it circulates away from us. The gold standard may be all right for the people up north where they have plenty of money, but we want something else. I got my ideas of political economy and finance by hard knocks. I tell you that the alarm has been sounded in the watch tower of the public and the people are demanding that something be done. We had better be doing it, too. I am for the dollar of our daddies, state banks and free silver."

THE Chestnut National Bank of Philadelphia has closed its doors, with outstanding liabilities amounting to better than \$9,000,000. Too much McKinley-single-gold-standard and prosperity seems to be the cause of the bursting of National banks in this country.

THE farmer who sticks to his hard-time habit of doing his work thoroughly will prosper another year. The low price of cotton should not be permitted to act as an incentive to return to the old "scratching" methods that eventually produce only weeds, mortgages and populists.

In discussing the prevalence of crime in that city of late the Waco Telephone states that the admission of a person to bail, accused of murder, is one of the powers of the courts, in the exercise of which there is a grievous complaint, the claim being made that the practice has developed indifference to the enormity of murder, which is in a very large measure responsible for the prevalence and increase of crime.

THE same amount of and ability necessary to hold a considerable office bring in far more financial returns than almost any legitimate business or profession. It is difficult, however, to resist until the office seeker is completely into politics, and is fit for a little else. Many a chronic office seeker wishes he had never come to become a candidate of time just as sincerely as drunkard regrets his first

—Grayson College brought suit against the Dan a saloon keeper of Sherman having sold liquor to minors, who were students of college.